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NEW YORK.

CALL HER
KOKORO.

SHE IS A MUTANT --
BORN WITH POWERS
THAT SET HER APART
FROM HUMANITY.

CALL HER
AFRAID.

THOUGH HER PSIONIC SWORD --
A MYSTICAL BLADE INFUSED WITH
HER TELEPATHIC POWER -- HAS
SUNDERED DEMONS FROM
MEPHISTO'S APOKOLIPS AND
THE TYRANOIDS OF LATKOVIA...

...AND SHE'S OFTEN
BEEN AN OUTCAST --
AND FUGITIVE -- AS
MOST MUTANTS ARE...

...TODAY SHE HAS
SEEN SOMETHING THAT
MAKES EVEN HER
SAMURAI HEART FREEZE.

AND THAT
SOMETHING...

...IS HUNTING
MUTANTS.

THAT
WASN'T...
A DEATH
BLOW.

YOU'RE
TRYING TO TAKE
ME ALIVE! WELL,
YOU'LL FIND THAT A
PSYCHIC TRAINED
IN BUSHIDO
IS NOT SO
EASILY...

A BLAST.

A MOMENT OF
SILENCE. AND
THEN...

BOOM

...ONE MOTHER OF
AN ENTRANCE.

COBALT --
BLAST RADIATION
TO SCRAMBLE ITS
SENSOR!

JUST
DESTROY IT,
IRON! THEY CAN
BUILD A MILLION
SENTINELS --

-- BUT
NOT ONE MORE
MUTANT WILL BE TAKEN
WHILE WE STILL
FUNCTION!





...IT'S NO SENTINEL...

IT'S...

MAGNETIC
MEN. P. W.
WAIT...

NICKEL
CABLE-OUT
AND PIN ITS
LIMBS!



SENTINEL?!

DID YOUR
PRECIOUS **MAKER**
FAIL TO IMPLANT YOU
WITH THE PROPER
LOGIC CHIPS?

I AM
SINISTRON!

-- THE
ULTIMATE
SYNTHETIC
INTELLECT --

-- WITH
THE MOST
DREAD POWER
TO ACHIEVE MY
GOAL!

IT
TAKES BUT
A FRACTION
OF MY ABILITY TO
FREEZE YOU IN
PLACE!

M-MAYBE
THAT M-M-MAG-
FIELD FROZE THE
REALLY M-MAGNETIC
M-MEMBERS --

-- BUT THE M-M-MASTER
MADE M-ME AND ANTIMONY
DIAMAGNETICS FOR AN
ATTACK JUST LIKE
THAT!



WHILE
BISMUTH
CORRODES YOUR
CIRCUITRY WITH
HIS TOXIC
BLOWS --

-- MY
DIAMAGNETIC
BLASTS WILL
REVERSE THE
POLARITY OF YOUR
OWN FIELD AND --



MY REGRETS,
ANTIMONY...



...BUT I KNOW THE
LOT OF YOU TOO
WELL.

AFTER
ALL... WE ARE
FIRST COUSINS...
AREN'T WE?

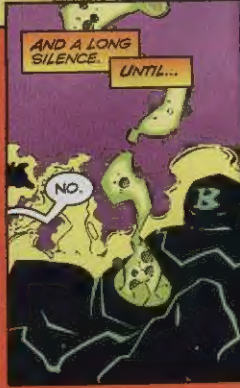


AND A LONG
SILENCE.

UNTIL...

NO.

A MECHANICAL
LAUGH. A HISS
OF JETS.



ERIK MAGNUS DEVELOPED MECHANICAL WARRIORS TO BATTLE MUTANTKIND'S GREATEST FOES --

-- THE SENTINELS CREATED BY WILL MAGNUS --

-- HIS BROTHER!

HE TOOK MAGNUS' OWN ROBOTICS AND ENHANCED THEM WITH HIS MUTANT CONTROL OVER MAGNETISM.

THESE MAGNETIC MEN WOULD BE THE GREAT EQUALIZERS IN THE WAR BETWEEN HUMAN AND MUTANT.

BUT NOW, AN UNPERCEIVED FORCE HAS DEFEATED THEM...

I THOUGHT -- HOPED -- BY CREATING YOU...

...I COULD AVOID WORTHLESS BLOODSHED. FOCUS ALL MY ENERGY ON CREATING A PEACEFUL HAVEN FOR MUTANTS...

...APART FROM A SOCIETY THAT HAS SPURNED US AT EVERY TURN. BUT NO LONGER CAN HOPE BE SOMETHING TO HIDE BEHIND --

-- IT MUST BE FOUGHT FOR!

RISE, MY MAGNETIC MEN! FEEL THE POWER OF YOUR MASTER, THE POWER THAT GIVES YOU LIFE AND THOUGHT! UNTIL THIS FOR IS DEFEATED, I WILL NEVER AGAIN LEAVE YOU TO FIGHT ALONE WHILE I SEARCH FOR MUTANTS!

MAGNETO FIGHTS BESIDE YOU NOW -- UNTIL VICTORY -- OR DEATH!

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A MAGNETIC AIRSHIP CLEAVES THE AIR, SILENT BUT FOR THE TRACKING SIGNAL OF MAGNETO'S LATEST CREATION... CEREBRO.

READING FLUCTUATIONS IN THE EARTH'S ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD CAUSED BY GREAT BIOGENETIC POWERS, IT LEADS HIM ON HIS GLOBAL QUEST FOR MUTANTS.

IT IS A QUEST THAT SOMETIMES OVERWHELMS EVEN HIM.

IF YOU CLAIM TO BE A FRIEND OF MUTANT-KIND...

...THEN USE YOUR VAUNTED TELEPATHY, MR. X... TO HUNT DOWN THIS NEW FOE!

I HAVE A WAVECRUISER FULL OF MUTANTS, MAGNETO -- UNDER ATTACK FROM THEIR OWN FOES -- IN THE JLA!

IF WE SURVIVE THIS, THEN PERHAPS --

JLA #1 - ON SALE NOW! - Mark.

FOOL!

LEADING MUTANTS INTO BLOODY COMBAT... RISKING THEM RATHER THAN SAVING THEM...

WHY HASN'T HE LEARNED FROM MY TRAGEDY?

TO FIGHT THE SENTINELS -- MACHINES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO KILL MUTANTS -- COULD I IN GOOD CONSCIENCE HURL LIVING MUTANTS AGAINST THEM?

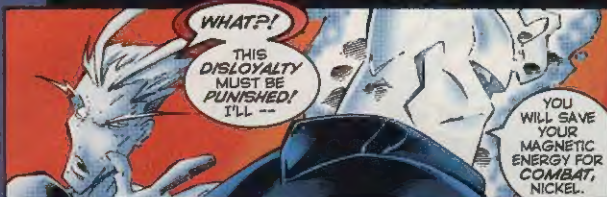
MACHINES MUST FIGHT MACHINES. THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME I LED A TEAM OF LIVING MUTANTS...

...IS A PAIN TOO SHARP TO HOLD IN MEMORY.



DON'T WORRY, MASTER!
WE'LL FIND SINISTRON
WITH NO HELP FROM
ANYONE!

AND
THAT M-MAKES
YOU HAPPY, IRONP
LOOK WHAT HE DID
TO US BEFORE!



WHAT?!

THIS
DISLOYALTY
MUST BE
PUNISHED!
I'LL ---

YOU
WILL SAVE
YOUR
MAGNETIC
ENERGY FOR
COMBAT,
NICKEL..



THE DIAMAGNETICS CAN
SCARCELY HELP THEIR
INFERIORITY.

IF YOU
SEEK TO
INJURE
FEELINGS,
COBALT...

...YOU
WILL FIND I
HAVE NONE.



WAIT!

ANTIMONY...
YOU SPEAK OF
FEELINGS, AS IF
THEY MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE
FOR YOU!



I MADE
YOU ALL IN
THE IMAGE OF MY
BROTHERHOOD OF
MUTANTS.

IS IT
MY MEMORIES
OF MY FRIENDS THAT
GIVE YOU THIS
SEMBLANCE OF DISTINCT
PERSONALITIES? IS
IT THE PROPERTIES
OF YOUR
METALS?

AND
HOW MUCH
OF... HER... LIVES
WITHIN YOU? CAN IT BE
THAT HER WARM HEART
IS LOCKED IN THAT
COLD BODY OF
ANTIMONY?

WHATEVER
"WARMTH" MAY
BE, MASTER...
YOU MADE ME
INCAPABLE OF
IT.

YES...
OF COURSE.
PERHAPS... THAT'S
WHY I REALLY
CHOSE TO BUILD
YOU.

THE BROTHERHOOD WAS A FAMILY TO ME... WHEN MY OWN FAMILY PROVED TO BE A SHAM.

ONCE MY BROTHER AND HIS FIRST SENTINELS SLAUGHTERED THEM...

...I KNEW I COULDN'T SURVIVE SUCH PAIN AGAIN.

I WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW WILL'S OWN COLD EXAMPLE. I WOULD SURROUND MYSELF WITH MACHINES...

...PARTNERS WHO WOULD NEVER LOVE ME...

...WHOSE LOVE I WOULD NEVER HAVE TO RETURN.

MASTER!

THE SIGNAL'S STRONGER!

EEEEEEEEEE

THERE'S A HUGE CONCENTRATION OF MUTANT POWER TO THE SOUTH! ON A SMALL AFRICAN ISLAND CALLED...

"...GENOSHA!"

THE
WHOLE
ISLAND'S
A VAST
CITADEL...

...AN
IMPENETRABLE
FORTRESS!

MY
MAGNETIC
MEN...

...BELOW
US -- IF CEREBRO'S
CALCULATIONS ARE
CORRECT -- THERE ARE
THOUSANDS OF CAPTIVE
MUTANTS...

...INNOCENTS
WHO HAVE SUFFERED
EVERY DEPRIVITY
AT THE HANDS OF
AN INHUMAN
THING

IT
IS SURELY
PREPARED
FOR OUR
ATTACK.

BUT
IF IT BE
OUR LAST
ACT...

LET US

FREE
THEM!

ROLL OUT
THE WELCOME
MAT, SINISTRON! YOU
WANTED MUTANTS...
AND LOOK WHAT
YOU GOT!

Oh
M-M-M-
M --

-- JEEZ

THROUGH THE OZONE-
CRACKLE OF AN
ELECTRO-MAGNETIC
FIELD THEY ARE
HURLED TO THE
STRONGHOLD BELOW --

TAKE OUT THE
SURVEILLANCE
CONSTRUCTS

-- HE
CAN'T
FIGHT WHAT
HE CAN'T
SEE!

SLASH

HELP ME CRIPPLE
THESE GUARD
DRONES.
BISMUTH --

BOOM

INFRARED AND
BIO-SCANNERS
ARE SCRAMBLED.

WALLS ARE BLOWN
DOWN EASILY

PERHAPS...

...TOO EASILY

THERE IS
SOMETHING
AHEAD...

Oh.

IF THEY HAD LUNGS
THEY WOULD GASP.

IF THEY HAD HEARTS
THEY WOULD RACE.

BUT EVEN METAL
GROWS COLD AT
THE SIGHT OF THIS.

**A VAST
CHAMBER**

STASIS CELLS

**AND HELD
CAPTIVE
IN THEM**

**LIKE NOTHING MORE
THAN LAB ANIMALS...**

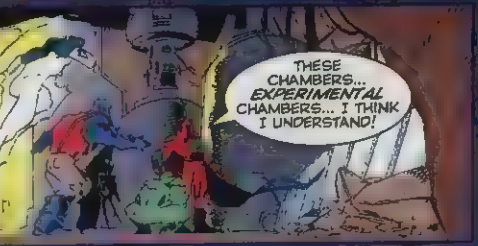
MUTANTS.

**HUNDREDS...
THOUSANDS...
OF MUTANTS.**





EVERY MUTANT WHO
HAS BEEN ABDUCTED --
AND MORE WE NEVER
KNEW OF!



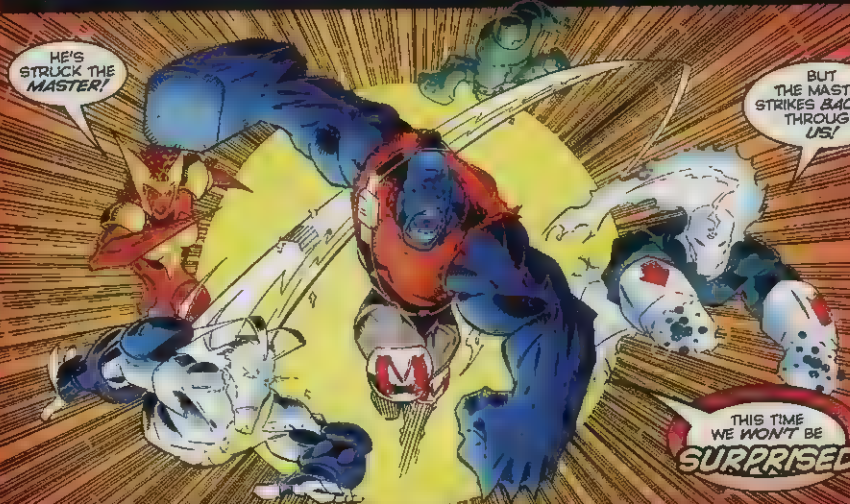
THESE
CHAMBERS...
EXPERIMENTAL
CHAMBERS... I THINK
I UNDERSTAND!



MAGNETIC
MEN! SHUT DOWN
THESE CELLS AND FREE
THESE PEOPLE
ESCAPE --

NO.

CHOOM



HE'S
STRUCK THE
MASTER!

BUT
THE MASTER
STRIKES BACK --
THROUGH
US!

THIS TIME
WE WON'T BE
SURPRISED!



MY
DEAR LITTLE
RUSTPOTS...

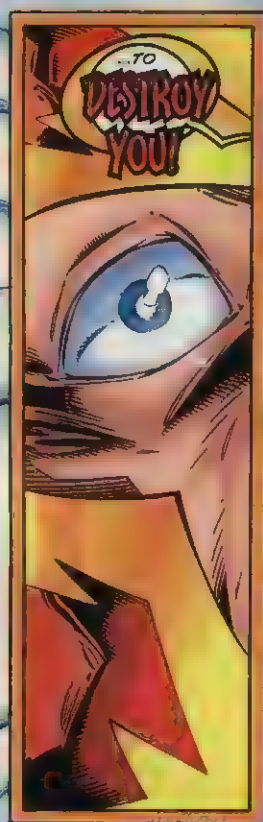
DO YOU
THINK I HAVE
ONLY ONE
SURPRISE?

WAIT...

HE'S
EXPOSING THE
MUTANTS...DON'T
HARM THEM!

I CALCULATED
YOU'D SAY THAT,
MAGNETO.

WHICH IS WHY I
BRAINWIPED THESE FIVE
MUTANTS AND "REWIRED" THEM...



NO,
SINISTRON!
LET THE RUIN
FALL ON
YOU!



NO MATTER
HOW ADVANCED YOUR
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE,
IT MUST BE BASED ON

ELECTROMAGNETISM!



YOU'RE
BUT A **STRAW**
MAN FIGHTING
A FIRE!

NOT IF I TUNE MY
OWN ELECTROMAGNETIC
FIELD TO YOUR POLARITY,
MAGNETO ---

-- AND
BACKFEED
IT!

STRAW
MAN, AM I?
THEN YOU ARE
THE **TIN MAN**,
FROZEN IN
THE RAIN.

DROLL,
ISN'T IT? A
FLESH AND BLOOD
BEING AMONG
US SYNTHETIC
BEINGS...

...AND
YET WHOSE
HEART BEATS THE
COLDEST?

BUT YOU
CAN'T ANSWER,
CAN YOU, MAGNETIC
MEN? FOR AS HIS
CONSCIOUSNESS
FREEZES, SO DOES
YOURS. I SHOULD
KNOW...

...FOR
I LEARNED
FROM THE MAN
WHO KNOWS
MAGNETO...
LIKE A

BROTHER!

HIS **HATRED** IS IMPRESSED INTO EVERY ELECTRONIC IMPULSE OF MY MIND. WILL MAGNUS' **HATRED** FOR HIS BROTHER **ERIK** --

-- WHOSE **MUTANT POWERS** EFFORTLESSLY OUTSHONE EVERY HARD-WON ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS **TECHNICAL GENIUS!**

WHOSE **GIFT** OF **MAGNETISM** COULD CRIPPLE EVERY ROBOTIC MASTERWORK OF HIS INVENTION -- UNTIL THE **SENTINELS!**

YOUNG **ERIK** -- EVER THE **LEADER OF MEN** --

-- GATHERED HIS **BROTHERHOOD** ABOUT HIM.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE, **ERIK**, YOU HAD A **FAMILY.**

BUT THE **SENTINELS** ENDED THAT.

BUT THAT'S THE **ENCODED HATE** TALKING. WHEN WILL MAGNUS MADE **ME** TO BE HIS ULTIMATE **SENTINEL**, INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOUR NEW **ROBOT TOYS**, HE WENT TOO FAR -- HE GAVE ME **SENTIENCE!**

I SAW HOW HIS **HATRED** HAD **LIMITED** HIM. HE USED HIS **GENIUS** FOR NOTHING BUT **EXTERMINATION...**

...AND FORCED YOU TO USE YOUR **MAGNIFICENT POWER** FOR NOTHING BUT **PROTECTION!**

WHY **KILL** **MUTANTS** WHEN THEY CAN BE **USED?** WHEN THEIR **POWERS** CAN BE **ISOLATED** AND **REPLICATED...**

...TO CREATE AN **ARMY OF MUTANT SLAVES** WITH **PHYSICAL POWERS** TO MATCH MY **MENTAL** ONES. AGAINST WHOM THE **INFERIOR** **HOMO SAPIENS** CANNOT **HOPE TO STAND!**

THE **SIBLING RIVALRY** IS **OVER!** YOU ARE **MINE**, **ERIK** MAGNUS -- AND WITH YOU, YOUR **MAGNETIC MEN!**

A **PITY** YOU DON'T POSSESS THE **GENIUS** TO GIVE **THEM** THE **SEEDS OF SENTIENCE** THAT YOUR **BROTHER** GAVE TO **ME!**

DOESN'T HE?

JOE

OUR MASTER...
GAVE US THE
MINDS OF MUTANTS
SLAUGHTERED BY
SENTINELS

...BY

BLOOD!

BROTHERS!
BREAK FREE OF
THE MASTER'S
MIND-- AND
STRIKE!

IF WE
ARE YOUR
"COUSINS"...
THEN WE ARE
COUSINS...

BUT
WE CAN'T
BE FREE OF
THE MASTER!
WE'RE ONLY
PARTS OF
HIM!

...NEED
YOU ARE

AND NOW THAT
I'VE CORRECTED THIS
LITTLE MALFUNCTION...

AN... T... M-M-MONY ...!

THE REST OF YOU
NEVER... CARED ABOUT HER
OR M-ME! M-MAYBE I'M JUST
DIAMUH-MUH MAGNETIC
BUT I CAN GET
M-MAD!

M-MAYBE I
CAN'T M-MOVE --
BUT I CAN GET
M-M-M --

BISMUTH=!

HHHSS

NOW, DO
THE REST OF
YOU SEE THE
FUTILITY?

ANTIMONY --
BISMUTH -- WE
CAN'T LET THEM
LIE THERE -- AND
THEN SERVE
HIM!

BUT WE CAN'T MOVE!
COBALT -- THE MASTER
GAVE YOU THE BEST
ELECTRONIC MIND
OF US ALL --

YES.

AND
IF I USE THAT
MIND TO SEEK -- OR
FORGE -- AN ERSATZ
WILL EVEN HALF AS
STRONG AS THAT
OF ERIK
MAGNUS...

...THEN
I CAN CHANNEL
THAT WILL INTO
POWER!

HWOOOMP

RADIATION...
DAMPENING MY
EMISSIONS!

WE'RE
FREE!

FREE
OF SINISTRON --
AND MAGNETO.
TOO!

WHAT --

-- FOR THE
MASTER!

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THEN
USE THAT
FREEDOM --

DAMAGE. JUST
ENOUGH

-- TO SET
MAGNETO
FREE!

SINISTRON --
I KNOW YOU NOW!
KNOW YOUR POWER
AND HOW YOU
EMPLOY IT --

-- BECAUSE
I KNOW MY
BROTHER! I KNOW
HIS PAIN AND
MADNESS --

-- AND
I WILL NOT
BE CAUGHT
**OFF-GUARD
AGAIN!**

WITH A SINGLE NATURE-WARPING BLAST OF
ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE, SINISTRON'S
EVERY CHIP AND CIRCUIT IS FLOODED, POLARITY
OSCILLATING INSTANTLY, RANDOMLY.

NO WAY TO
FIGHT BACK --

-- EXCEPT --

AN ESCAPE-
DRONE FROM
HIS DATA-CORE--

-- CALL IT A PIECE
OF HIS MIND --

-- TRIGGERS
THE AUTOSYSTEMS
OF GENOSHA --

-- WITH AN ELECTROMAGNETIC
BUZZ THAT SENDS A CHILL
UP THE SPINE OF MAGNETO.

NO!
THE STASIS
CELLS --

... HE'S
TURNING THEM
INTO DEATH
CHAMBERS!
MAGNETIC
MEN!

WE KNOW
WHAT NEEDS
TO BE DONE,
MAGNUS!

THE
MUTANTS
WILL BE
SAVED!

AND THEN
SIN/STRON
WILL KNOW

SUFFERING!

M-MAGNETIC
M-MEN... FREP
M-MASTER'S M-MIND...
NOT IN M-MINE?
WHAT DID I M-M-
M-MISS?



AS MUTANTS ARE PULLED FREE OF THEIR BURNING AND SUFFOCATING CHAMBERS, MAGNETO SEEKS THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FREQUENCY THAT REGULATES THE COMPLEX...



...AND, FINDING IT, HE BLASTS IT INTO SUBMISSION.

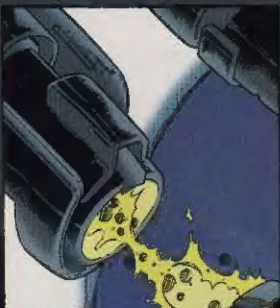


THEY'RE ALIVE! WE DID IT!

HOW GOOD OF YOU, BISMUTH, TO SHARE THE CREDIT WITH US.

YOU'RE WELC...

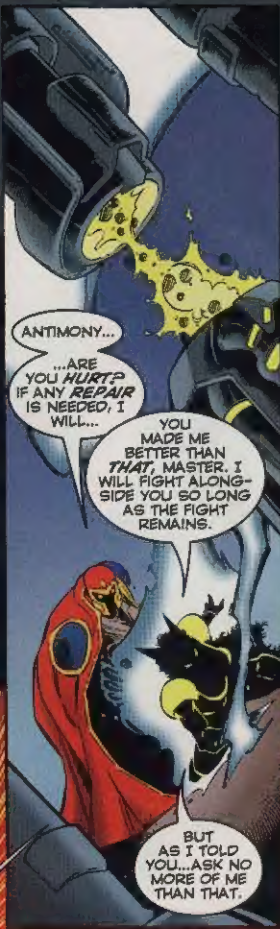
HEY, WAIT A M-MINUTE ---!



ANTIMONY...

...ARE YOU HURTP IF ANY REPAIR IS NEEDED, I WILL...

YOU MADE ME BETTER THAN THAT, MASTER. I WILL FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU SO LONG AS THE FIGHT REMAINS.



BUT AS I TOLD YOU...ASK NO MORE OF ME THAN THAT.



NO!!

THAT SNEAKING, CONNING **CHEAT!** HE CAN'T **DO THIS!!**

HE
CAN'T DIE
UNTIL I'M
DONE WITH
HIM!

I DON'T
THINK YOU NEED
FEAR THAT, NICKEL.
A PORTION OF HIS
CONSCIOUSNESS
ESCAPED...

...AND IT'S
STILL OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE.
SINSTRON
WILL BE BACK,
AND WE'LL HAVE TO
BE PREPARED TO
BATTLE HIM
AGAIN.

HIM...
AND EVERY
OTHER ENEMY
OF MUTANT-
KIND...OF
MANKIND.

LET
'EM COME,
MASTER! THE
MAGNETIC
MEN CAN
HANDLE
ANYTHING!

AT
LEAST SO
LONG AS
YOU HAVE
ME.

JUST
LEAVE THAT
ARROGANT SON OF
A POCKET
CALCULATOR
TO ME!

MY
CHILDREN.

FOR
DESPITE ALL
MY EFFORTS TO
PROTECT MYSELF
WITH THE COMPANY
OF MACHINES, DESPITE
THE RISK OF PAIN THAT
I TRIED TO AVOID, I
FIND MYSELF THE
HEAD OF A
FAMILY...

...AND
THERE IS
NOTHING AS
REWARDING...
OR AS
POWERFUL...
AS A
FAMILY.

THE MAGNETO **VS. X-RAY**
AND THE **MAGNETIC MEN** **'Nuff Said!**